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In re Application of  
SODEOKA, et al.  
Application No.: 10/069,007  
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For: DRUGS INHIBITING CELL DEATH

DECISION

This is a decision on the request regarding the correction of an inventor's name filed 30 July 2002 notifying the Office that the correct spelling of the third named inventor's name is Miho KATO as indicated in the printed name on page 2 of the declaration filed 30 July 2002 rather than Miho KATOH as is indicated in international application No. PCT/JP00/05496.

As indicated in Section 201.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, where a typographical or transliteration error in the spelling of an inventor's name is discovered, a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) is not required. Accordingly, applicants' explanation of the difference in the spelling of the third named inventor's name is accepted and noted for the record.

For the reasons above, the request is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision, including, if appropriate, preparation and mailing of the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a date of 30 July 2002 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c).

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